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cm James Paris
to JLY Sanders

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SUBJECT:

French attitude to Arab
League Paris office still much in
the air. The Arabs disagree among
themselves.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
PARIS.

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16 November, 1965.

Dear Sanders,

Thank you for your letter E 1051/15 of November 9 about the Arab League in France.

2. I saw de Nanteuil at the Quai d'Orsay today and pursued the discussion. He told me that the establishment of a new office of the Arab League in Paris was running into difficulties. The Arabs could not agree among themselves; the Egyptians had much grander ideas financially than the others; and no decision had been reached on the legal status of the office. The whole question, therefore, was very much still in the air.

3. He confirmed that they had received no note from the Jordanians and that there was no change in their attitude (described in my letter to you of October 22) towards the Arab League as a regional organisation of the United Nations. They thought the line that we were proposing to take in paragraph 4 was reasonable, though I suspect that if it came to the point they would have a definite juridical view of their own and they would pursue this irrespective of what the United Nations (or indeed anyone else) thinks.

3. I am sending copies of this letter to the Chanceries at Washington, Amman, Beirut, Baghdad, Cairo and Damascus.

Yours ever,

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